



HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO24-0065

Baltimore City Schools - Concentric Education Solutions Data Review

Committee: Education, Workforce, and Youth
Chaired by: Councilman Robert Stokes, Sr

Hearing Date:
Time (Beginning): 10:06 AM
Time (Ending): 11:30 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 12
Committee Members in Attendance:
Robert Stokes Zeke Cohen
Phylcia Porter Sharon Green Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Dr. David Heiber: CEO, Concentric Education Solutions
- Melissa Broom: Baltimore City Schools Legislative Affairs

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chronic Absenteeism and Student Engagement: The discussion highlighted chronic absenteeism as a pressing issue in Baltimore City Schools, emphasizing the need to understand why students and families feel disengaged from the educational process. It was noted that

chronic absenteeism is not the root problem but rather a symptom of broader challenges faced by students and families.

2. Impact of Home Visits: Concentric Education Solutions has conducted over 350,000 home visits over 16 years, with 18,786 conducted in the last academic year alone. The importance of home visits in understanding and addressing barriers to student success was a key focus.
3. Workforce Development and College Readiness: There was significant discussion about preparing students for career opportunities, particularly in health and other industries, and the need to align education with real-world job skills.
4. Data Sharing and Collaboration: The need for better data sharing between organizations, schools, and community partners was a major topic, aiming to ensure more coordinated support for students.
5. Parent and Family Engagement: There was a concern about how to engage and empower parents to advocate for their children's education, recognizing that some parents face challenges in understanding the school curriculum.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

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Date: September 26, 2024



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Baltimore City Schools - Concentric Education Solutions Data Review	LO24-0065
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Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email					
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City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Education Workforce and Youth

Thursday, September 26, 2024

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, City Hall, 4th Floor, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2333 324 9230, Password:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 4 - Robert Stokes Sr., Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, and Phylcia Porter

Absent 3 - John T. Bullock, Antonio Glover, and James Torrence

ROLL CALL

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[LO24-0065](#)

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For the purpose of reviewing data from Concentric Education Solutions who support Baltimore City Public Schools families and their students in overcoming obstacles to academic success.

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